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A MERRY DAY.

To the Mammoth BEE, that we all now see,
At this time of the year; that you may not have any fear;
For your information good company, is always welcome here,
For the buzzing BEES have folded their wings and sting, to sleep the long sleep of winter till early spring.
But this big BEE, is a wide awake BEE, he will sting in January, as well as in May;
And if with him, you try to play, he will sting you by night or he will sting you by day.
In the hum of his sting, you can hear him sing,
Let me alone till I come to your home;
For in my place I am sure to stay, because I always mean business, and do not mean play.
Now dear little BEE, since first you made your call on me,
You have always found me in the hall, waiting for your Saturday call,
Come on good BEE, with hum and sting, and make your calls till early spring;
For you, I am always glad to see, and I am your friend; L. D. G.

OUR WEEKLY REVIEW.

THE GREAT ALABAMA EXPOSITION FRAUD. WHY COLORED PEOPLE RETROGRADE, THE COMING COLORED NATIONAL CONVENTION GROWING IN POPULAR FAVOR. WHERE SHALL IT MEET? THE POLITICAL CONDITION OF THE NEGRO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. THE TIME HAS COME FOR ACTION. PRESIDENT CLEVELAND AND MATTHEWS' NOMINATION.

In our issue a few weeks ago, we had occasion to denounce the fraud which is about to be perpetrated upon the colored people of the south by an alleged World's Exposition. We have just received a letter from Alabama from a distinguished young man to the effect that our article was correct. The writer further says that the men whose names are attached to the circular have been hoodwinked into the affair; that the papers in Alabama endorse it from the representation that it has been given; but the people consider the leader a crank and a corrupt politician. It is a shame that our people should have things and matters so falsely represented to them by men of their own race. The people of Alabama should expose this great fraud and denounce the leaders of it as unfit men to represent any such enterprise. The whole exposition is conducted by one man and as a matter of fact, it is impossible for one man to conduct a World's Exposition. The proposed

NATIONAL CONVENTION of colored men is endorsed and from present indications the presumption is that it will be representative in every respect. C. H. J. Taylor of Kansas City, Kansas and one of the representative men in that state favors the convention and will do all in his power to make it a success. The next question is where shall the convention meet? Some suggest Washington, others New York, Boston and elsewhere.

THE POLITICAL CONDITION of the race should be discussed wisely and judiciously. The political status of the colored people in this country is not what it should be. The time for action has come, it has come for us to decide our own destiny. We have been too dependent upon our white fellow citizens; yet it is no fault of ours, because when we were emancipated, it is true as Mr. Watterson says, we had nothing. We are in a position to day to help ourselves and each other. We are chastised because we seek to affiliate with other political parties. Mr. Ingalls who is the author of these sentiments affiliated with the democratic party himself, so it is reported. We must give Mr. Ingalls to understand that we are free American citizens

and will not be dictated to by the republican party or a class of men in any party. Mr. Ingalls' fight is against

THE PRESIDENT for appointing a colored democrat to an office in this city. He is opposed to the colored man on account of his color and it is left with the colored voters of the country to say whether they will tolerate it. We have been informed that there is a petition in circulation, headed by a renegade black republican opposing Mr. Matthews. The individual who has the petition has been obnoxious to the people for at least 12 years. He is without political influence and social standing in the community. Our contemporary

THE ADVOCATE, after having endorsed the nomination of Mr. Matthews some months ago, at the time he was a candidate for the Liberian mission, now condemns Mr. Matthews. Very soon after Mr. Cromwell's discharge from office, he wrote all kinds of toady and humiliating articles in favor of the administration. He was an applicant for the Liberian mission at the time and had so called negro democrats like Rosa Beckley to call on the secretary of State in his interest. It was thought at one time that he would be appointed but after Mr. Cromwell was seen by the secretary of State, we are informed that Mr. Cromwell was told that he could not be appointed. Now he charges Mr. Smyth as having been opposed to Mr. Matthews' confirmation. We have been in a position to know what the Advocate says is untrue. Mr. Smyth is not and never was a candidate for the Liberian mission. Of course if he were appointed he would go. The Advocate says that Messrs. Black and Thompson have no political influence. There is not a man in this city who has more political influence than these two gentlemen. They are respected and honored by our colored citizens. It is Mr. Cromwell who has been disappointed in the Liberian mission, it was Mr. Cromwell, who called on the secretary of State, Bayard and was snubbed. How many people does Mr. Cromwell represent? The citizens of Washington will follow Messrs. Black, Thompson and Smyth. The Senate is opposed to Mr. Matthews because he is a Negro.

CLARA TO LOUISE.

Dear Louise:— At this time I am somewhat interested in the resolution of Dr. Francis for a new High and Normal School building. The minor fund will be utilized for industrial purposes, which will null the contract that was made with the board of school trustees. The government of course will have to purchase the minor building and either convert it into a public school or use the whole building as a Normal School. Dr. Francis' idea is to build a new High and Normal School in the popular part of the city which I hope the commissioners will do.

I did not attend the marriage of Miss Ford, for the reason I was not one of her most intimate friends. I am acquainted with Mr. Jackson and hope that he will enjoy a successful and happy life.

Do you mean to say that our dear old friend Harry B has joined church? I was impressed with the belief that he was a member of the church. I called to see Mrs. J. C. Matthews last week. She is very pleasant and refined in her manners.

zation, I attended the Philomathian Literary Society Thursday evening. I was surprised to know that there was so much intelligence in that section of the city. The young ladies are very active and doing everything to make the society a success. Indeed the secretary of the society is a young lady of prepossessing manners, and her minutes are prepared in a most concise manner and with a few exceptions acceptable to the society. Prof. Johnson, the pastor of the church, deserves credit for the noble work that he has accomplished among the people in that society. There could be more societies organized like the Philomathian.

The people are benefited and not a select few. While I did not here the Professor's paper on

HOME TRAINING I read extracts of it in the Bee of last week. I admired the thoughts presented by those who participated.

If the parents of children would take more pains in teaching their children at home, the teacher at the school would not have so much trouble. The teachers are often blamed for the bad training the child receives at home. The child often watches the conduct of its parent, and by such conduct it is often governed. I don't know who will receive Saturday. The matter was not discussed in the household. I am under the impression, however, that these public New Years

RECEPTIONS

are going out of fashion. The custom, I think is now, that those who care to make calls can do so without being notified. This is right. It will not hurt the men to call, and if their friends are not at home it will show that a call was made any way. If there are any who intend to have open house, they will address you as I expect to leave the city until 5th of January 1887. It has been a pleasant one, to me, and if there are any who have been offended I hope to be excused, as my motives were to purify society and not to degrade it. Let the past be forgotten and look to the future for brighter things.

OUR YOUNG LADIES

I hope have learned from my letters a warning which will benefit them. Let me impress this one thing upon them, which will be for their good. Get married, not to a libertine, but an honest working man who has respect for his reputation. Hoping you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours truly,

CLARA.

THE COLORED MAN'S DESTINY.

MR. HENRY WATTERSON TELLS HIM HE MUST SHAPE IT HIMSELF.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Nov. 29.—Mr. Henry Watterson this evening addressed the Freedmen's Home Preparatory, a colored co-operative society formed to purchase and colonize Western lands.

Mr. Watterson remarked first, that he wanted to say that he never expected to be a candidate for any office, and therefore, had no reason for trying to influence their votes; second, that he had all his life acted with the political organization the least disposed to grant them political privileges; and, finally, that from childhood he had been opposed to human slavery. He added that he had tried to secure the best and fullest freedom. Twenty years ago they had been liberated without a rag of clothing to their backs, a roof over their heads or a single political privilege. They could not even testify in court. It was the duty of the government then to do something for them, but beyond citizenship it had not given, nor would it now give anything. They must work for themselves, as every other man must.

EDUCATION NEEDED.

"The colored people," Mr. Watterson continued, "had made great progress, and the most hopeful sign of all was their recognition of the need of education. There was a general disposition on the part of the whites to help them, and this feeling was growing. The colored man should educate his children properly, and it would be

best to give them a special training that would fit them to earn their own living.

COLORED PEOPLE AND THE SOUTH.

"The black people belong here," the speaker continued, "and in twenty years at least ten Southern States would have a majority of black citizens. God help these if there should be a race war. But whites and blacks now understand each other well and their children do so even better."

The society he addressed would succeed or fail according as its affairs best movements he "One of the known was the organization of the Freedmen's Bank, but it had failed and had done the black people the great wrong of stealing their earnings and destroying their confidence in their fellow-citizens. Any similar scheme on a national scale would probably fail, but this local organization might succeed." Mr. Watterson said he had great faith in the future of the blacks, and if he did not he would have little hopes for the whites, for the two races were indissolubly united. In conclusion he urged white and colored alike to leave the city for the country. Colored people had to depend upon themselves, for neither political party would do anything more for them, and they must work out their own destiny. —Weekly Pelican.

GENERAL ITEMS.

An aged man, named Nathan Johnson, was killed by the cars on the B. and P. R. R. near South Capitol st., and Virginia Avenue. e. He was a colored man and completely mutilated, while picking up coal, on Thursday evening, the 16th inst.

One of the most singular things about the accident which was witnessed among the injured men at the Carroll Row, on Wednesday Forenoon, March 1st, to be helped until the other six men had been taken out of the ruins.

He said as help was being tendered him, let me help myself; there are six others in the ruins., Mr. Henry Lewis, who was so badly injured at the Government Pension Building a few weeks ago, is now very low at his residence, 724 3d st., s. w.

The many anxious eyes of this city, which looked for the arrival of the Rev. Dr. Laws, from his delightful Pittsburg visit, were converted into glad hearts at his appearance into the city this morning by the early train over the B. and C. R. R.

The Grand Lodge No. 3, of the order of the Good Samaritans of the District of Columbia, held its 2nd Quarterly Session in this city, on Thursday evening the 16th inst., with Mr. S. Y. Minor, the Grand Chief presiding.

Mary Sabino Mantro, has moved from Ardmore, into the city of Philadelphia, Pa.

Many of the school teachers from the country, are making christmas visits to their homes in this city, and are looking well.

Mrs. Lu-Ella Price, will not visit the United States, from Toronto, this winter as reported.

Congress is taking timely and appropriate actions in the affairs in general for the good of this District.

The essential principle of justice in answer to the prayers of the citizens committee of one hundred are being established in the principles of great speeches that are being made.

The sad altercation and tragedy between Geo. N. Walker, the murderer and John C. Miller in F st., n. w. the 8th inst. between two white men of high connection, but a very low estimate of human life. Thus, in North Washington, fury is continually being added to flame, and repeated crimes detract many elements of greatness from her good name.

The Charleston Recorder, seems willing to impute all the National crimes of long standing against the colored race, to the Democratic party; but in this it must understand that, it does not carry all of the thinkers with it, except it means to apply this to the white people as a body, North and South. For to recognize this as a righteous injunction, it would release the republican party of obligations that are due the race and ought to have been paid long since.